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3. *The supply of seed potatoes.*—The irrigated crop will be following the standing crop and will be usually sown in the months of January–February. Its seed requirements have to be met from the present standing crop. As the area under cultivation of irrigated crop will be only 3,000 acres the seed requirements can be easily met. There is no necessity to import any seed material from outside for this crop.

4. *Supply of Ammonium sulphate.*—There is no immediate need for supply of Ammonium sulphate as the second crop sowings are already over. For the irrigated crop to be raised in January-February in about 3,000 acres, fertiliser will have to be moved by the end of December. Already 150 tons of Ammonium sulphate have been allotted to the Nilgiris Potato Growers' Co-operative Marketing Society and further allotment will also be made shortly out of the allocation of fertilisers for the third quarter.

5. *Supply of power sprayers at subsidised rates.*—There appears to be no need to subsidise any power equipment. The Department has distributed 95 power sprayers to riots and it is estimated that about 225 power units have been sold by private agencies. An adequate number is also stocked by the different Panchayat Unions. In addition in times of large scale infection, the power sprayers in the Crop and Plant Protection Officer's pool are also used.

(4) Pest attack and failure of crops in Chingleput district.

Sri A. RAGHAVA REDDI : Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the pest attack and failure of crops in Pennalurpet and Gummidipundi sub-taluks of Chingleput district due to failure to supply fertilisers in time for the samba crop.

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, at the outset, it may be stated that there has been no failure of samba crops raised this season and the condition of the standing samba crops is generally fair. Samba crop has been raised over an extent of 15,279 acres in Gummidipoondi sub-taluk and over an extent of 24,670 acre in Pennalurpet sub-taluk. Regarding the crops being affected by pest, no abnormal situation has developed so far. The usual jassids and stem borer which appear in this season are only present. Sufficient stocks of pesticides and fungicides are available on hand in the agricultural depots to meet the demands of Gummidipoondi and Pennalurpet sub-taluks and the stocks are being supplied as and when they are needed. There has been no complaint from the farmers regarding the distribution of pesticides.

The Member has brought to notice the inadequacy of the fertilisers supplied. Owing to the overall difficult stock and supply position, it has not been possible to supply the full needs

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of the ryots in these areas just as in any other part of the district. As against the total requirement of 36,590 tonnes in terms of Ammonium sulphate indented for by the Collector of Chingleput for the first three quarters of 1966–67, a quantity of 11,908 tonnes has been supplied to the Chingleput district in straight form. Besides a quantity of 2,185 tonnes in the shape of mixtures has been made available, through manure mixing firms for various special programmes. The total allotment made so far to the district works out to 38 per cent of the requirement. But it has to be pointed out that the allocations made by the Government of India for the State as a whole for the normal programme are only 30 per cent of the State demand and the available supplies have therefore to be distributed equitably all over the State and consequently the quantity that is made available to Chingleput district has to be distributed on a *pro rata* basis having due regard to the area brought to cultivation in each season. A further stocks of 640 tonnes of Urea from Neyveli and 1,301 tonnes of Ammonium sulphate (Imported) are being just now moved to the district. The distribution of these stocks has been ordered to be made for the various taluks in proportion to the extent of crops raised.

V.—PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

(1) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ON THE PURCHASE OF THE LAND IN ERUKKANCHERI BY THE ELECTRICITY BOARD.

திரு. இரா. நெடுஞ்செழியன் : கனம் அவைத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, பெரம்பூர் டிவிஷனைச் சேர்ந்த (எருக்கஞ்சேரி) மறுசர்வே எண் 124/6 ல் அடங்கிய காலி நிலத்தைத் தமிழ்நாடு மின்சார போர்டு 1963-ம் ஆண்டு விலைக்கு வாங்கியது குறித்துப் பொதுக் கணக்குக் குழு ஆராய்ந்து ஒருமனதாகச் செய்த முடிவின் அறிக்கையை இந்த மன்றத்தின் முன் அளிக்கிறேன்.

திரு. மீ. கலியாணசுந்தரம் : On this report, I want to make a submission, Sir, இந்த அறிக்கையானது இன்றைக்குக் கடைசி நாளில் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்தச் சபை அதை விவாதிப்பதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் இல்லாமல் போய்விடுகிறது. இப்பொழுது நாம் இதைப்பற்றி வேறு ஒன்றும் ஆலோசிப்பதற்கு இல்லை. இருப்பினும், இந்தக் கமிட்டி செய்திருக்கக்கூடிய சிபார்சின் அடிப்படையில் அரசாங்கம் இதைப்பற்றிப் பரிசீலனை செய்து, அவர்களுடைய அறிக்கையை பொதுத் தேர்தலுக்குப் பிறகு அமையக் கூடிய சபையிலாவது, முதலிலேயே பட்ஜெட் விவாதத்தின்போதே சமர்ப்பிக்கவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். இதற்குள்ள அரசாங்கத்தின் பதிலும், அவர்கள் எடுத்த நடவடிக்கையைப் பற்றியும் ஒரு அறிக்கையை இந்தச் சபை முன்பு பரிசீலனைக்கு வைக்கவேண்டும், இந்தச் சபை அந்த அறிக்கையை விவாதிப்பதற்குரிய ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பத்தை ஏற்படுத்திக் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்ற யோசனையை நான் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.